

## Advent Devotional Project

\*\*See *Guidelines for Writers* below

Scripture text	Devotional written by	Other notes on this text
Isaiah 2:1-5		
Isaiah 7:10-16		
Isaiah 9:2-7		Sermon text for 12/24/17 (morning worship)
Isaiah 11:1-10		
Isaiah 35:1-10		
Isaiah 40:1-11		Sermon text for 12/10/17
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11		Sermon text for 12/17/17
Isaiah 64:1-9		Sermon text for 12/3/17
Jeremiah 33:14-16		
Micah 5:2-5a		
Zephaniah 3:14-20	Steve Schweitzer	
Malachi 3:1-4	Ed Woodard	
Matthew 1:1-17		
Matthew 1:18-25	Garland Brown	
Matthew 2:1-12		Sermon text for 1/6/18
Matthew 2:13-15		
Matthew 2:16-18		
Matthew 2:19-23		
Luke 1:5-25		
Luke 1:26-38		Sermon text for 12/24/17 (morning worship)
Luke 1:46-56		
Luke 1:57-66		
Luke 1:67-80		
Luke 2:1-20		Sermon text for 12/24/17 (candlelighting service)
Luke 2:21-40	Barbara Mann (Luke 2:36-38)	Sermon text for 12/31/17
Luke 2:41-52		
Luke 3:1-18		
John 1:1-14		

## Guidelines for writers

Writing an entry for our Advent devotional book is not intended to be a difficult project, but it will take a bit of prayer and reflection. Drawing from the shared experiences of our congregation should make for an exciting and meaningful set of reflections this December.

To help you in the process, here are a few guidelines to consider:

1. Take a look at the selected texts in the above list.
  - a. The Old Testament texts in the list are ones that appear in the lectionary for the Sundays in Advent. Some of these are more familiar than others.
  - b. The New Testament texts cover the entire "birth narratives" in Matthew, Luke, and John. You'll need to select a verse or a section within those larger ranges for your writing.
2. Pray about which text you should choose. Ask for God's guidance.
3. Be creative as you consider the text. ***You do not necessarily need to comment on the entire set of verses.*** Perhaps a word, or a name, or a theme will seem significant to you, and you'll want to expand on those thoughts. You may wish to write a poem, or a prayer, or even a litany which might be used in worship.
4. There are more days our booklet will cover than there are individual texts. ***You may write on a text someone else has chosen.***
5. Your devotional should fit on one page. This will be approximately 300 words, unless you are writing a poem or a prayer based on the text.
6. To help with your research, the lesson outlines and recordings from our "Advent/Christmas Sunday School class" are available on our website.
7. Please feel free to talk with Pastor Tim about what you're writing for thoughts, suggestions, proofreading.
8. Deadline is October 15, 2017.